

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

DEFENDANTS

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff

☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant

☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

PTF DEF

Citizen of This State

☐ 1 ☐ 1

PTF DEF

Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State

☐ 4 ☐ 4

PTF DEF

Citizen of Another State

☐ 2 ☐ 2

PTF DEF

Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State

☐ 5 ☐ 5

PTF DEF

Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country

☐ 3 ☐ 3

PTF DEF

Foreign Nation

☐ 6 ☐ 6

IV. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

☐ 1 Original Proceeding

☐ 2 Removed from State Court

☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court

☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened

☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)

☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation

☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT

☐ 110 Insurance

☐ 120 Marine

☐ 130 Miller Act

☐ 140 Negotiable instrument

☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment

☐ 151 Medicare Act

☐ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl Veterans)

☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits

☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits

☐ 190 Other Contract

☐ 195 Contract Product Liability

REAL PROPERTY

☐ 210 La 3 Condemnation

☐ 230 Real Estate Ejectment

☐ 240 Tort Product Liability

☐ 296 All Other Real Property

TORTS

PERSONAL INJURY

☐ 310 Airplane

☐ 315 Airplane Product Liability

☐ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander

☐ 330 Federal Employers Liability

☐ 340 Marine

☐ 345 Marine Product Liability

☐ 350 Motor Vehicle

☐ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability

☐ 360 Other Personal Injury

PERSONAL INJURY

☐ 362 Personal Injury

☐ 365 Personal Injury -- Med Malpractice

☐ 366 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability

PERSONAL PROPERTY

☐ 370 Other Fraud

☐ 371 Truth in Lending

☐ 360 Other Personal Property Damage

☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability

FORFEITURE/PENALTY

☐ 610 Agriculture

☐ 626 Other Food & Drug

☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure Of Property 21 USC 881

☐ 636 Liquor Laws

☐ 646 R R & Truck

☐ 650 Airline Regs

☐ 660 Occupational Safety/Health

☐ 690 Other

LABOR

☐ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act

☐ 720 Labor/Mgmt Relations

☐ 730 Labor/Mgmt Reporting & Disclosure Act

☐ 740 Railway Labor Act

☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation

☐ 791 Empl Ret Inc Security Act

BANKRUPTCY

☐ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158

☐ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157

PROPERTY RIGHTS

☐ 820 Copyrights

☐ 830 Patent

☐ 840 Trademark

SOCIAL SECURITY

☐ 861 H/A (1395ff)

☐ 662 Black Lung (923)

☐ 663 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))

☐ 994 SSID Title XVI

☐ 665 RSI (405(g))

FEDERAL TAX SUITS

☐ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)

☐ 871 IRS -- Third Party 26 USC 7609

OTHER STATUTES

☐ 406 State Reapportionment

☐ 410 Antitrust

☐ 436 Banks and Banking

☐ 456 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.

☐ 460 Deportation

☐ 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations

☐ 810 Selective Service

☐ 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange

☐ 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410

☐ 881 Agricultural Acts

☐ 882 Economic Stabilization Act

☐ 693 Environmental Matters

☐ 694 Energy Allocation Act

☐ 695 Freedom of Information Act

☐ 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice

☐ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

☐ 880 Other Statutory Actions

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE US CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: ☐ YES ☐ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instructions): IF ANY

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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1. (a) **Plaintiffs – Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is **an** official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) **County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the “defendant” is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) **Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section “(see attachment)”.

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an “X” in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an “X” in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant **code** takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. **When** Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for **each** principal party.

IV. Origin. Place an “X” in one of the seven boxes

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge’s decision.

v. **Nature of Suit.** Place an “X” in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an “X” in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In **this** space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.